

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY, **05 10924 MLW**
Plaintiff,
v.
RLI CORPORATION and
RLI INSURANCE COMPANY,
MAGISTRATE JUDGE Nexandy
Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO: _____

AMOUNT \$ 250
SUMMONS ISSUED N/A
LOCAL RULE 4.1 /
WAIVER FORM /
MCF ISSUED /
BY DPTY. CLK. R.M.
DATE 5/4/05

PETITION FOR REMOVAL

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441 and 1446, Defendants RLI Corporation and RLI Insurance Company hereby petition this Court to remove the above-captioned action from the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Suffolk County to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. As grounds for removal, Defendants state as follows:

1. On April 7, 2005, Plaintiff Massachusetts Port Authority ("Massport") filed a civil action against the Defendants in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Suffolk County, entitled *Massachusetts Port Authority v. RLI Corporation and RLI Insurance Company*, Civil Action No. 05-1361 ("the State Court Action"). Copies of all process, pleadings and orders served on Defendants in the State Court Action are attached to this Petition as Exhibit A.

2. The Complaint in the State Court Action was filed with the Clerk of Courts for the Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Suffolk County on April 7, 2005. A copy of the Complaint is included in Exhibit A.

3. Defendants were served with the Complaint on April 8, 2005 (although the suit papers were not received at the Defendants' Illinois headquarters until April 12, 2005). As required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b), this Petition is filed within 30 days after service of process.

4. This action may be removed to this Court in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332 and 1441, because the action involves a controversy between citizens of different states and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

5. As alleged in the Complaint, Plaintiff is an independent public authority of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its principal place of business at One Harborside Drive, Suite 200S, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128.

6. Defendant RLI Corporation is a corporation organized under the laws of Illinois with its principal place of business in Illinois.

7. Defendant RLI Insurance Company is a corporation organized under the laws of Illinois with its principal place of business in Illinois.

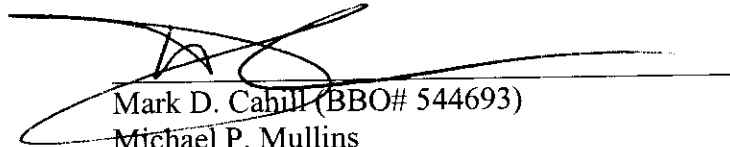
8. In accordance with Local Rule 81.1(a), Defendants will file certified or attested copies of all records and proceedings in the State Court Action and certified or attested copies of all docket entries therein, including a copy of this Petition for Removal, with this Court within thirty (30) days after filing this Petition.

9. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), a copy of this Petition for Removal and a Notice of Removal will be served by messenger this day upon Plaintiff's counsel and will also be sent by messenger this day to the Suffolk Superior Court for filing.

WHEREFORE, Defendants RLI Corporation and RLI Insurance Company respectfully request that this action be removed to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Respectfully Submitted,

RLI CORPORATION AND
RLI INSURANCE COMPANY
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Dated: May 4, 2005

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A TRUE COPY OF
THE ABOVE DOCUMENT WAS SERVED
UPON THE ATTORNEY OF RECORD FOR
EACH OTHER PARTY BY MAIL/HAND ON:

5/4/05

